

The politically correct nature of our higher education sparked the creation of Islamo-Fascism Week.

During this week, students on college campuses across America will host events to educate students on issues that are not addressed inside of the classroom. The events include "teach in" panels and sit-ins on Women's Studies Department classes, to protest the absence of courses that focus on the oppression of women in Islam.

Islamic oppression of women will be the key focus of this week. In one horrific example of Islamic oppression, young Islamic schoolgirls were shot to death in Saudi Arabia when they fled a burning building without their veils. In another example, an Islamic teenager was buried before being stoned to death for alleged sexual offenses.

The Muslim American Society is protesting this week of events. The Society claims that this event is hate speech and promotes intolerance of Muslims. This isn't true. The event promotes awareness and intolerance of radical Muslim extremists and rightfully so. These extremists want to kill Americans. We should be intolerant of them.

Muslim extremists are responsible for 9/11, for the USS *Cole* bombing, for Embassy bombings, and they target our soldiers abroad. We also know that Islamo-Fascists have waged a jihad, or a holy war, against America.

The term "Islamofascism" is not hate speech. It is not degrading to all Muslims. It degrades radical Muslim extremists. The term "Italian Fascism" doesn't smear all Italians. It smears radical Italian extremists. There is a difference between Muslims and radical Jihadists, who seek to destroy and murder people indiscriminately.

Islamofascism Awareness Week is a wake-up call for American students. Our classrooms need to stop worrying about political correctness and start educating our students on the truth. The truth is that radical Muslim extremists are the greatest danger that exists for Americans at home and abroad. The truth is that women are oppressed by Islamic extremists. The truth is that we need to stop garnering sympathy for the enemy and start confronting those against America.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS RHINE POST 2729 ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 25, 2007

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the VFW Rhine Post 2729 of Chicago as they celebrate their 75th anniversary. Through their dedicated and unwavering service to their community and their country, the veterans of the Rhine Post continue a strong tradition of patriotism and duty.

When the Rhine Post received its charter on October 29, 1932, it was made up of a group of 21 World War I veterans. With great determination and hard work, this handful of men managed to keep the organization afloat through the Great Depression, distinguishing themselves with their patriotic events and displays.

After World War II, the Rhine Post experienced an influx of veterans as the remaining 16 members focused on recruitment and membership. When the group was over 100 strong, they realized the need for a new hall. With industry and diligence, they purchased vacant property and in 1955 completed their new building. The Rhine Post on South Archer Avenue continues to serve today as a community landmark and as a place of camaraderie for our Nation's heroes.

Throughout their long history, the veterans of Rhine Post 2729 have taken pride in their championship senior rifle and drill team, which won seven consecutive championships. Service to their community has also been a great source of pride, as the Rhine Post hosted Memorial Day Parades along Archer Avenue for many years. The Rhine Post continues their worthy tradition of community service by sponsoring the Voice of Democracy scholarship program, visiting hospitalized veterans, distributing American flags, and assisting senior citizens whenever possible.

I rise today to recognize the Veterans of Foreign Wars Rhine Post 2729 on their 75th anniversary. Through their staunch patriotism and outstanding contributions to their community, the veterans of the Rhine Post nobly continue the legacy of service they began when they first answered the call of duty. I commend them for their ongoing community work and their courageous service to our country in time of war. I am honored that my district is home to such an exceptional organization, and I am proud to congratulate them on their 75th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING JASON PALITSCH

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 25, 2007

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jason Palitsch of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. Jason's enthusiasm for the political process has led to his selection to receive the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Youth Award from the Shrewsbury Democratic Town Committee.

Currently a freshman at Northeastern University, Jason has already become active in politics. He is the president of the "Northeastern for Hillary" group and will become Political Director of the College Democrats group in the spring.

Jason's political activism began while he was a student at Shrewsbury High School. While there, he co-founded and was the first president of the Shrewsbury High School Young Democrats club. He was also a member and officer of numerous other student organizations during his 4 years at Shrewsbury High School, including Amnesty International, Political Action Group, Student Council, and the student newspaper.

Jason is a passionate and likable young man who has a bright future in whatever profession he chooses to work in. I congratulate Jason on this award and his enthusiasm for politics.

IN RECOGNITION OF JULIUS CIACCIA, JR.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 25, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Julius Ciaccia, Jr., who recently retired after dedicating over 30 years of service to the city of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Ciaccia began his career in city government in 1976, and served the city with distinction until his retirement.

I am particularly proud to be honoring Mr. Ciaccia today due to the fact that I have known him personally for quite some time. As mayor of Cleveland, in the year 1979, I appointed Mr. Ciaccia as the Commissioner of the Cleveland Division of Water. He was able to invest over \$1 billion in improvements that led to improved drinking water delivery and helped make Cleveland a healthier and more vibrant city during his time in this position.

In addition to his leadership in city government, Mr. Ciaccia has worked on a federal level as well, serving on the board of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) from 1988 to present day; he was president of AMWA between 1996 to 1998. In honor of his exceptional contributions to the improvement of drinking water supply management, he was awarded the prominent President's Award in 1999.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in thanking Julius Ciaccia for all of the hard work, dedication, and pride that he has given the city of Cleveland during his admirable career. He has served the citizens with a zeal for his work that is rarely seen, and for that, he is applauded. I hope you will join me in wishing Mr. Ciaccia the best of luck in his future venture towards becoming the executive director of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN DECATUR, ILLINOIS

HON. PHIL HARE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 25, 2007

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Decatur, Illinois.

The beginning of the church was the idea of Maria Carr, affectionately known as "Grandma Carr," who in 1854 escaped slavery through the Underground Railroad and settled in Decatur, Illinois. Grandma Carr, along with Mrs. Gilbert Vernon and Mrs. Emily Stains held weekly prayer meetings at their homes with the goal of establishing a local community church based on the principles of equality and civil rights.

With the help of Captain David L. Allen, a white Christian, their wish came true. He offered a small frame building to the church group and officially donated ownership of the land in 1858. The first pastor of Antioch was Reverend Tom Reasoner.

With simple beginnings, the church developed a rich history of diversity and faith. The